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FM AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2272

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TAGS: EGEN, BGEN, IV, XA

SUBJ: OPIC WEST AFRICA BRIEFING

REF: FERENCES: A) STATE 040179 B) STATE 035466 C) MONROVIA 1091

DEPT PASS OPIC FOR HENDERSON

1. EMBASSY CONCURS PROPOSED OPIC VISIT. PLEASE RELAY ASAP LIST OF ALL WASHDC PARTICIPANTS AND NUMBER OF HOTEL ROOMS NEEDED. PROPOSE SCHEDULE CONFERENCE AT HOTEL IVOIRE WHICH HAS ROOMS SET UP FOR SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION. HOTEL AND EMBASSY ENDEAVORING TO LOCATE SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATORS IN ABIDJAN. FYI. FOR MAJOR CONFERENCES IN PAST, HOTEL HAS USED EUROPEAN SIMUTANEOUS INTERPRETERS FLOWN IN FOR PURPOSE. AS THIS WOULD BE COSTLY, ENDEAVORING TO FIND FULLY QUALIFIED SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETERS IN ABIDJAN. IF NONE AVAILABLE AND COST OF IMPORTED INTERPRETERS CONSIDERED EXCESSIVE BY OPIC, PROPOSE ENGAGING LOCAL CONSECUTIVE INTERPRETERS. WILL RELAY PROGRESS ON THIS QUESTION WITH EXPENSE DATA ASAP. END FYI.

2. HENDERSON/FERRITER 1/31/75 LETTER MENTIONS POSSIBILITY OF ADVANCE CONSULTANT. WILL THERE BE ONE? IF SO, WHAT DATES?

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3. POST HAS HEAVY APRIL SCHEDULE WITH US LABOR

DEPT SPONSORED CONFERENCE ON WORKER SAFTEY  
APRIL 7-13, AND ADVANCE MAN FORUSDOC ROAD  
CONSTRUCTION SEMINAR APRIL 14-20. STILL FEEL  
OPIC BRIEFING COULD BE HELD ON INITIALLY PROPOSED  
DATES WITH MINIMAL CONFLICT. HOWEVER, SHOULD  
REVISION OF SCHEDULE BE MADE DUE TO OTHER POSTS'  
CONFLICTS, OPIC SHOULD AVOID SCHEDULING ABIDJAN  
BRIEFING DURING MAY3-11, AS USDOC SPONSORED CONSTRUCTION  
SEMINAR SLATED FOR THAT WEEK AND HAVING BOTH AT SAME  
TIME WOULD CONSIDERABLY DILUTE EFFECTIVENESS OF EITHER PROGRAM.

4. IN ANY EVENT, OPIC SHOULD SCHEDULE BRIEFING  
BEFORE JUNE AS VACTION EXODUS BEGINS THEN AND IS  
DIFFICULT TO INSURE MAKING ANY CONTACTS.

5. PROPOSED PROGRAM SETS ASIDE ONE DAY FOR  
EMBASSY BRIEFINGS. BELIEVE, IF JUST THIS POST  
INVOLVED, MONDAY MONRING WOULD SUFFICE FOR  
MISSION BRIEFING, AND AFTERNOON COULD BE SPENT  
MORE PROFITABLY ON ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH  
LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY. HENDERSON DISCUSSED  
POSSIBLITIY DURING VISIT HERE OF BRINGING SOME  
E/C OFFICERS FROM OTHER FRANCOPHONE POSTS  
TO ABIDJAN FOR PROPOSED PROGRAM. IF PLANNED,  
THEN ONE DAY COULD EASILY BE TAKEN UP WITH BRIEFING OF  
ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL. IF OTHER E/C OFFICERS WILL  
BE INVITED TO ATTEND SESSIONS, PLEASE INFORM ASAP  
SO ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

6. POST ENVISIONS FIRST OUTSIDE SESSION WITH KEY  
OFFICIALS IN PLANNING, FINANCE, AND COMMERCE  
MINISTRIES, EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES FOR OPIC  
INVOLVEMENT IN PRIORITY IVORIAN PROJECTS.  
ADDITIONAL BLOC OF MEETINGS WOULD BE SET UP WITH  
LOCAL BUSINESSMEN INTERESTES IN POSSIBILITES FOR  
JOINT VENTURES, ETC. THIRD SESSION WITH LOCAL  
AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN WOULD BE USEFUL. IF YOU  
CONCUR WITH PROPOSED STRUCTURE, EMBASSY WILL  
PROCEED WITH ARANGEMENT.

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7. CONTROL OFFICER FOR VISIT IS E/C OFFICER  
MELINDA L. KIMBLE.  
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